

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election represents a clear and untenable abuse of their position as a media provider, and as such demonstrates the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Instead, Sinclair is acting to subvert the public interest to its own agenda. Instead of substantive, responsible programming that is responsive to local concerns, we see an orchestrated, nation-wide electioneering campaign waged in support of Sinclair's chosen ideology.

Sinclair's actions are extremely troubling and substantiate calls for strengthening media ownership laws. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.